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IN OUR VALLEY

THE LADIES AT Harlingen who sponsored the movement that brought about the planting of the multi-colored phlox along the curbs of block after block in the south-eastern part of that city, deserve congratulations.

The phlox are in full bloom. Not a lot was missed. And riding through those phlox-bordered streets one completely forgets that there are houses along the street. The eyes never leave the brilliantly-colored curbs.

In the same neighborhood there is an attractive square. It is crossed diagonally by gravelled walks which are also lined with the phlox. A beautiful sight, truly.

Presumably when these flowers have lived their lives and are gone, the ladies of Harlingen will promote the planting of some other beautiful flower.

It is possible for the towns of the Lower Rio Grande Valley to be beautiful with flowers at almost all seasons of the year.

Let's give more attention to this thing of beautification.

And if you are not already lined up with the beautification movement in the various towns, line up now.

PROBABLY DIDN'T frost anywhere in the Lower Rio Grande Valley, but the snappy atmosphere indicated we were dangerously near the point.

It was a night right for frost. There was a moon. The atmosphere was quiet and cool. Right snappy at an early hour this morning. And, of course, unusual at this time of the year.

* If you spent a worthwhile afternoon Sunday, you visited the outlying farm sections. Beautiful fields of potatoes and beans everywhere. No cabbage visible anywhere. And absence of the smell of decaying cabbage indicated the crop is being shipped instead of rotting in the field because of overproduction.

THERE IS A TRAFFIC officer in Cameron county who is very obliging.

He carries a very large sign on his car announcing the title of the office which he holds.

The sign is on the spare tire cover at the back of the car.

THAT TOTAL of two and a quarter million dollars, given in the Herald Sunday as the building record, including buildings completed since January 1, buildings underway and constructed, and buildings contemplated for the near future, was impressive.

Indicates that Brownsville is moving ahead more rapidly than some of us think.

There is hardly a type of construction that is not represented. There are school buildings, churches, business buildings, bridges, residences, etc., and the total does not include that million dollar paving program, on which bids will be opened next Friday.

READY TO START FLOODWAY WORK

First dirt on the north floodway section of the Cameron county flood control work will be turned tomorrow morning, according to an announcement made today by the contractors. The entire commissioners court will be present, and work on the north channel will be inaugurated with due ceremony.

The huge dredges which will be used in this construction work were received at Sebastian last month, and crews of workmen had been engaged in setting them up. Contract for the construction of the floodway was made by the Trinity Construction Company.

TELEZ RETURNS TO POST IN U. S.

MEXICO CITY, March 14.—(AP)—Manuel Telez, ambassador to the United States, who has been here for some days conferring with President Calles, was on his way to Washington today.

Departing last night he maintained reticence regarding the object of his visit to Mexico City, his program when he returns to his post and developments in the relations between Mexico and the United States.

FIRST CAR OF POTATO CROP MOVING TODAY

Shipment is Ten Days Earlier Than Last Season; Loaded At Olmito By Tandys

What are believed to be the earliest new potatoes ever shipped out of the Valley in carload lots are being loaded today at Olmito and will go out tonight, according to Cleve Tandys of A. N. Tandys & Son, local truck dealers.

The potatoes, raised by Will C. Tandys and by A. N. Tandys & Son, are being loaded into two cars and both will be shipped out tonight.

The shipment is going out about ten days earlier than last year and earlier than ever before in the history of this crop in the Valley.

W. F. Lachman, who is buying potatoes for Frissell Brothers, bought these spuds at six and one-half cents a pound for on board for the Chicago.

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JEWELER SHOT AT GALVESTON

Daylight Bandit Nabbed By Police After Chase

GALVESTON, Tex., March 14.—(AP)—S. Nevelow, jeweler, was at the hospital with a bullet wound through his chest and a man giving the name of Harry Ludlow, was in police custody, following a daylight hold-up and shooting in the heart of the business district early today.

Nevelow was shot by a man who entered his store at 416 Twenty-second street and demanded that he hand over his cash.

The bandit then commanded a light coupe and forced the driver to speed toward the causeway. Pursuing police fired shots before the fleeing car halted as it neared the causeway.

Ludlow was identified by the police as an Ohio convict who escaped from the Ohio state prison in February 1927, while serving a sentence for second degree murder.

KATY SURVEYS LINE TO VALLEY

(Special to The Herald.) MISSION, Tex., March 14.—Missouri-Kansas-Texas Railway company surveys today completed a survey of a proposed line from Benavides to Mission and thence to McAllen and Hidalgo, it was learned here today.

The M-K-T. owns the Texas-Mexican Railway, and Benavides in Duval county, north of Mission, is the closest point to the Valley.

The survey is almost on a direct line to Mission, passing through the Wells ranch. It passes through the east corporate limits of the city, crossing the Missouri Pacific tracks. The survey is all through undeveloped territory.

It is understood that if the present survey is not used that another cutting the river west of Hidalgo will be made.

Widespread Plot Aided Break of Murderers, Chicago Police State

LOVE LETTERS PROVIDE CLUE TO ASSISTANTS

Eight Arrests Made, Include Sweetheart Of Mexican Slayer Who Escaped

(Special to The Herald.) CHICAGO, Ill., March 14.—(AP)—Monday morning at a meeting of the commissioners court of Willacy county the resignation of Sheriff Raymond Teller was tendered and accepted. No successor has so far been named for the office.

At the same time the following resolution was adopted by the court and ordered spread on the minutes of the record:

"Be it resolved by the commissioners court of Willacy county, Texas, duly assembled as such on this Monday, Mar. 14, 1927:

"First, in accepting the resignation of Raymond Teller as sheriff of Willacy county, Texas, this day tendered to this court by him, we do so because he requests it, and then with great reluctance.

"Second, this court believes it proper to spread upon the minutes for the information of those who in future years may investigate the record and character of Raymond Teller as a citizen and sheriff that this court without faltering and without hesitation finds and declares that during the more than three years he has held the office of sheriff he has stood for the enforcement of all laws and that in doing so he incurred the ill will and hatred of the criminal, the bootlegger and dope peddler, and that this element in our body politic having failed in securing his assassination resorted to a prosecution on a peonage charge in the federal courts.

"Third, finally be it resolved that in the conviction of Raymond Teller of crime, the jury who returned the verdict inflicted a wound upon the body politic that will no more heal than the wounds he received on the field of battle in defense of the country he loves and for which he offered his life."

CONFESSES SLAYING WIFE

Married Five Times; Killed Last Wife With Stone

BARDSTOWN, Ky., March 14.—(AP)—Long House, declared on his arrival here from Charleston, Mo. whence he was extradited, that he would plead guilty to murder.

He waived preliminary examination and was ordered held to the May term of the Nelson county grand jury.

Hagan, as well as Deputy Sheriff R. W. Haviland, who returned him from Missouri, expressed belief that a telegram he received Sunday from Berger, Texas, offering aid and bearing the name of the woman he admits killing, is a hoax.

Hagan told of his five marriages, three to Kentucky women, one in Missouri and one in Arkansas, and then recited the events leading up to the death of his last wife.

He said he threw a stone at her, a quarrel. Usually she dodged, he said, "but this time she did not duck," and it hit her behind the ear.

"I held her in my arms and prayed that she would die," he said. "She died in about a half an hour. I didn't know what to do. I was terror stricken and the only thing I thought of was to bury her."

ASK CREAGER TO AID PLANS

R. B. Creager of Brownsville, national prohibition committee man, and Mrs. J. C. Griswold, national committee woman, will be requested to endorse the movement which has been started by the San Antonio Chamber of Commerce to bring the Republican national convention for 1928 to San Antonio, according to an announcement made Saturday by Leonard Whitelaw of Fort Worth.

Court Accepts Resignation of Sheriff Teller

AMNESTY BILL STIRS STRIFE

Bill Passed to Engrossment by Big Majority

AUSTIN, Texas, March 14.—(AP)—Amid bitter feeling and strife, the house today engrossed the Love amnesty bill to repeal amnesty granted by the 36th legislature, but failed to muster strength necessary for suspension of the rules to put the bill on final passage. Engrossment vote was 90 to 24.

An attempt to cut off debate shortly after Representative Minor of Denton called the bill up provoked strenuous protests and the house finally voted to rescind its action in ordering the previous question.

During the ensuing debate, Minor charged that "Texas has been made the laughing-stock of the nation," by the amnesty bill. He said the Love bill ought to be passed as a "matter of public policy."

Representative Storey of Vernon declared that passage of the bill would only stir up old political strife and pleaded with the house to "ignore the measure with the silence it so richly deserves."

There is some doubt as to whether the bill can be forced to a vote on final passage before end of the session Wednesday noon.

Taking the floor on a plea of "personal privilege," Representative Woodall of Marshall charged that the amnesty bill was "railroaded" through by the most "damnable procedure that ever disgraced the state."

"It's just a case of the 'minority be damned,'" Woodall shouted.

DEEPER CUT IN CRUDE OIL PRICE

HOUSTON, Tex., March 14.—(AP)—Besides meeting the Magnolia Petroleum Company's Saturday crude oil cut for Gray and Wheeler counties crude 90c for 28 to 28.9 gravity, with a two cent differential instead of 3 cents for each degree of gravity up to 31.2 for 44 degrees, and above for Crane, Upton and Crockett county 70c for below 26 gravity and a 2-cent differential for each degree of gravity up to 32 cents for 36 gravity and above; for Goose Creek, Hull, Liberty, Sour Lake, West Columbia, Orange, Pierce Junction and Spindletop, a grade dropped to \$1.20 and B grade below 25 gravity was quoted at \$1.15 with a two cent differential for each degree of gravity up to \$1.37 for 25 and above.

Mirando crude, in keeping with the ten cent cut dropped to \$1 per barrel.

Cotton Consumption Showing Small Gain

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 14.—(AP)—Cotton consumed during February totaled 590,447 bales of lint and 65,396 of linters, compared with 604,584 of lint and 55,142 of linters in January this year and 565,115 of lint and 59,403 of linters in February last year, the Census Bureau announced today.

Girl Fatally Burned; Bootleggers Blamed

LICONIER, March 14.—(AP)—A girl was burned to death and three other members of the family were injured when fire, believed to have been started by bootleggers, destroyed the home of George Wilson, justice of the peace, and five other buildings in the mining village of Wilpen, near here, today.

The loss was estimated at \$100,000. Investigation to bring the Republican prohibitionists to the aid of the Wilson home.

Eva Jones Wilson, 13, was burned to death, active in enforcing the prohibition laws was not at home when the fire was discovered.

WOMAN KILLS FARMER; HIDES BODY IN WELL

Believe Deed Committed to Aid Lover Charged With Slaying Step-Mother

McARTHUR, Ohio, March 14.—(AP)—Mrs. Inez Palmer was held here today awaiting arraignment on a first degree murder charge following a confession that she killed William Stout, 65, prosperous farmer and father of her sweetheart.

Her sweetheart, Arthur Stout, 33, also involved in the Hill county tragedy, is awaiting trial March 21, for the death of his step mother.

Mrs. Palmer told county prosecutor W. J. Jones that she killed Arthur's father, for whom she was keeping house and concealed "his body" in a well on the Stout farm. She said he had made improper advances to her.

Authorities believe, however, that she committed the deed in an effort to help her lover. The elder Stout was to have been the state's chief witness in Arthur Stout's trial. The double tragedy had its inception more than a year ago when young Stout brought Mrs. Palmer back from Mountaineer, W. Va., to live with him on one of his father's farms.

Mrs. Stout, Arthur's stepmother, objected to the young people living together, and after fruitless objections, caused her stepson's arrest. After the young man's release, Mrs. Stout was found slain in her home. Arthur was arrested and indicted for first degree murder.

BROWNSVILLE TEACHER DIES

Miss Virginia Campbell Passes Away At Home Here

Miss Virginia Campbell, 34, died at 12:15 o'clock Sunday night at her home at 408 Adams street. Funeral services are to be held this afternoon at 4:30 o'clock from the Sacred Heart church. The Rev. Father J. B. Brown will conduct the service. Interment will be made in the Buena Vista cemetery.

Miss Campbell was a daughter of R. L. Campbell of Brownsville. She was born in Hidalgo county at La Blanca, but had spent most of her life in this city. She was a graduate of the Lufkin Word Academy, later attending school at San Marcos and the University of Texas.

For the past eight or ten years she has taught in the city schools, teaching first at the grammar school and up until January of last year at the Fourth Ward school. She also had taught at Villa Nueva and the Carmen ranch.

Surviving Miss Campbell, besides her father who is a United States army aviator, are a brother, Miss Amelia Campbell, and a brother, R. L. Campbell, Jr., and two sons, Mrs. Joseph Webb and Mrs. Louis Kowalski, Sr., as well as numerous cousins and other relatives in Brownsville.

In memory of the former teacher, the grammar grades in all the schools were dismissed at 2:15 the time the civil war broke out he was a student in a ministerial school at Murfreesboro, Tenn. He immediately enlisted in the Confederate army and fought in the battle of Gettysburg in numerous battles, among them Shiloh, Brice Crossroads and the second affair at Manassas Junction.

COURTHOUSE JANITOR FINDS WITNESS WITH LIQUOR ON HIS HIP

Jim Shoemaker, janitor at the county capital, is just about to earn himself a deputy sheriff's commission.

Today there was a witness in a cutting scrape sitting on a bench in the courthouse rotunda and apparently asleep. Shoemaker shook him and found that instead of being asleep the witness appeared to be in a drunken stupor.

The witness was taken into the sheriff's office where a search revealed a bottle partly filled with mead in his pocket.

Now they are thinking of getting Jim a badge and a gun.

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Johnson was taken to Seton Infirmary, where an examination had not been completed.

Johnson was a former member of the state board of control.

Johnson was shot five times, police said, three times in the chest, once in the finger and once in the shoulder. Physicians said he has a reasonable chance for recovery.

Officers said filing of charges in the case was being delayed pending ascertaining of the gravity of Johnson's condition.

City Marshal Littlejohn said Johnson described the shooting to him in this manner:

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"You'll have to see Mr. Palmer, the sanitary engineer about this," I told him.

"Then the shooting began," Dr. Goddard in his cell at the city jail apparently was calm.

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FLORIDA TOWN WITHOUT BANKS

WEST PALM BEACH, Fla., Mar. 14.—(AP)—The First National Bank of Lake Worth today closed for business today. This leaves no bank in operation in Lake Worth, the First Bank and Trust Company having closed on February 23.

The Ocean City Bank of Delray also failed to open its doors today. C. Hawkins, state bank examiner, is in charge.

SAN BENITO MAN HELD IN SHOOTING

Anselmo Torres was in jail here today awaiting a hearing which was to be held in the afternoon in connection with a one-sided shooting affair at San Benito Friday night.

DISTRICTS TO RECEIVE HELP

County Officers Aid in Method of Issuing Bonds

The Cameron county commissioners court Monday passed a resolution agreeing to aid water improvement districts to change from Article 3, Section 52, of the state constitution to Article 16, Section 59, so as not to hinder the issuance of bonds out of the \$5,000,000 issue voted in January.

Issuance of water district bonds under the first named parts of the constitution will cut down the capacity of the county to issue road bonds, according to O. C. Dancy, county judge, and the county commissioners, but if the districts issue their bonds under the last named articles and sections it will not affect the county-wide road bond issue capacity.

Water improvement district No. 6 has already agreed to make the change.

Louis Colborn and Roy Miller, were ordered placed on the county payroll at the Monday meeting. They were retained some time ago to secure data and conduct such other activities as will further securing of a 50-foot channel at Point Isabel and extension of the intra-countal canal up the Arroyo Colorado to the Mississippi Pacific bridge near Harlingen.

Water improvement, drainage and other districts were ordered not to cut highways for canals or other purposes without submitting plans to the county engineer in order to coordinate the district plans with the county road plans and eliminate duplication and expense.

County Judge Oscar C. Dancy was authorized to get an assistant to aid him in his office where the work has greatly increased.

PIONEER MINISTER OF THIS CITY DIES

News has been received in Brownsville of the death last week at Jonesboro, Ark., of Rev. Luther Rice Burrows, a retired Baptist minister and one of the pioneer ministers of Brownsville. He accepted a call to the Brownsville Baptist church in 1905, coming here from his home in northeast Mississippi, and remained here for a number of years.

At the time of his death Rev. Burrows was 85 years of age. He was born near Anderson, S. C., at the time the civil war broke out he was a student in a ministerial school at Murfreesboro, Tenn. He immediately enlisted in the Confederate army and fought in the battle of Gettysburg in numerous battles, among them Shiloh, Brice Crossroads and the second affair at Manassas Junction.

While serving in the army, he was married. His wife survived him. He also leaves six children who live in Jonesboro, Houston, Tex., and Canton, Miss.

Friends of the family installed a memorial window to the Rev. and Mrs. Burrows in the new Baptist church of Brownsville.

MRS. ROGERS ASKS IMMEDIATE TRIAL

SAN MARCOS, Texas, March 14.—(AP)—Rebecca Bradley Rogers, 21, former Texas University co-ed, charged with robbing a bank today refused to sign a motion for continuance drafted by her attorneys, indicating she wishes immediate trial.

No action had been taken on the continuance motion when court recessed at noon until 1:30 p. m.

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TRUCK MARKETS

By Naval Radio to The Herald from U. S. and Texas Agriculture Departments

Carlot shipments for entire United States for Saturday, March 12: Cabbage: Alabama 4, Imperial Valley 2, Florida 6, Louisiana 2, Michigan 2, New York 28, Pennsylvania 2, S. Carolina 2, Texas 195, Wisconsin 1, total U. S. 164 cars. Unreported March 11—Alabama 1, Southern Calif. 2, New York 1, total 4 cars.

String beans: Florida 17, total U. S. 17 cars.

Carlot shipments for entire United States for Sunday, March 13: Cabbage: Alabama 1, Florida 1, Texas 36, total U. S. 38 cars.

String beans: Florida 15, total U. S. 15 cars.

Shipping point information reported for Saturday, March 12: Cabbage: Lower Rio Grande Valley (Continued on page five.)

PASSPORTS ISSUED

Sunday—720 tourists, representing 26 states.

Total since Dec. 21—35,111

TEMPERATURES

| City | Highest | Lowest |
|---------------|---------|--------|
| Brownsville | 74 | 48 |
| Miami | 72 | 68 |
| Tampa | 80 | 64 |
| San Francisco | 80 | 48 |